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Inventors: Ilario Coslovi and James W. Forbes
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Title: Vehicle Carrying Railroad Car And Bridge Plate Therefor
Assignee: National Steel Car
Art Unit: 3617
Examiner: Frantz F. Jules

REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

to

APPLICANT'S APPEAL BRIEF

To: Mail Stop Appeal Brief- Patents
The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of December 13, 2004 re-opening prosecution in view of the Appeal Brief filed October 19, 2004, on March 14, 2005, Applicants requested Reinstatement of Applicants' Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the at least twice rejected claims 3 - 32 in the above-identified patent application.

The Applicants' Brief on Appeal was filed with the requisite filing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(2). The Examiner's Answer was mailed on July 8, 2005. This Reply is filed in rebuttal of that Answer.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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